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SUBJECT: AD HOC COMMITTEE ON UN CHARTER

SUMMARY: AT P.M. MTG WED, AUG 6, GENERAL DEBATE CONTINUED WITH INTERVENTIONS BY ZAMBIA AND BRAZIL. NEXT MTG P.M. THURS, AUG 7. END SUMMARY

- 1. ZAMBIA BEGAN WITH CUSTOMARY ARGUMENTS WHY CHARTER SHLD BE REVIEWED, ADDING REVIEW LONG OVERDUE AS FAR AS THIRD WORLD CONCERNED. ZAMBIA STATEMENT CENTERED AROUND QUESTIONS OF EXECUTION OF GA DECISIONS AND SC VETO POWER.
- 2. ZAMBIA NOTED THAT SECURITY AND DEVELOPMENT WERE MAIN CONCERNS OF THIRD WORLD, WHOSE MEMBERS HAD DISCOVERED THAT COMBINED ACTION YIEDLED RESPECT BY MAJOR POWERS FOR THEIR INDIVIDUAL SOVEREIGNTY. THEIR COMBINED EFFORTS WERE MOST OFTEN EXPRESSED IN GA, AND THUR THIRD WORLD WAS CONCERNED THAT GA DECISIONS WERE NOT EFFECTIVELY EXCUTED. COMITE SHLD LOOK TO MEASURES TO ENSURE EXECUTION OF GA DECISIONS.
- 3. ZAMBIAN DEL FOUND SC VETO POWER ANACHRONISTIC, ARGUING THAT AGREEMENT OF FIVE POWERS WAS EASIER UNCLASSIFIED

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IN POST-WAS EUPHORIA THAN IN CURRENT PEACE. HE

ADDED THAT THE VETO DOES NOT HAVE A GOOD RECORD. IT HAS BEEN USED ON PURELY IDEOLOGICAL GROUNDS. TO BAR MANY WILLING STATES FROM JOINING UN. HE STATED THAT CASTING A VETO CAST IN NARROW NATIONAL INTEREST WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE. STATING THAT THE UN SHLD NOT BE AT THE MERCY OF THE WHIMS OF THE FIVE PERM MEMBERS, HE BELIEVED THE VETO SHOULD BE ELIMINATED. IN HIS VIEW, WITHOUT THE VETO, "THE SC WOULD CEASE TO BE THE NOTORIOUS GRAVEYARD OF GA RESES." HE REGAREDE THE VETO AS A DOUBLE STANDARD PERMITTING PERM MEMBERS TO TAKE (ILLEGAL) ACTION OTHER STATES WOULD NOT DARE, SINCE PERM MEMBERS CLD EXERCISE VETO TO AVOID UN SANCTIONS. HE CONCLUDED BY STATING PERM MEMBERSHIP OF UN SHOULD BE ALTERED TO PERMIT THIRD WORLD REPRESENTATION.

4. BRAZIL OFFERED SOME BRIEF, CONCILIATORY REMARKS AFTER REVIEWING SOME OF THE PROPOSALS FOR CHARTER REVISIONS CONTAINED IN A/AC. 175/L 2 (PTS. 1 AND 2), HE OFFERED THAT IT WOULD BE FOOLHARDY TO TRY TO CHANGE CHARTER IN WAYS OPPOSED BY A "SIGNIFICANT MINORITY" OF STATES. RECALLING THAT OUT COMITE WAS FAVORED BY OVER 2/3 OF THE GA, HE STATED THAT THE TWO-THIRDS MUST NOT SEEK TO IMPOSE THEIR WILL ON THE REMAINDER, AND THE REMAINDER MUST NOT RESIST THE CLEAR ASPIRATIONS OF THE MAAORITY. HE SAID THAT BEFORE COMING DOWN TO CONCRETE PROPOSALS, A MINIMUM BASE OF MUTUAL TRUST MUST BE ESTABLISHED. MOYNIHAN

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